



**Regional Leadership**

**Advocacy**

**Strategic Alliances  
& Partnerships**

**Educational Programs**

**Networking Opportunities**

**Diversity**

**Community Involvement**

**Visibility**

**CHICAGO  
SOUTHLAND**

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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## 2020 Chairman of the Board CRAIG SCHMIDT

As the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce celebrates their 35th anniversary, it is with great honor that I serve as your Chairman of the Board. I'm excited to help advance the interest of the Chicago Southland Chamber.

Now more than ever is a great time to get involved with the Chamber. We've been hard at work developing our 2020 initiatives and engaging our committees to implement important work.

We are focused on driving membership value to ensure our members have access to information and resources to help them do business. We will offer several educational workshops, healthcare and wellness sessions, business after hours and our monthly Meet & Greets.

We will advocate legislative issues that promote business success and economic development for the Chicago Southland region. We will support

regional consensus events and legislative forums and work with our partners to promote and move forward the efforts of the South Suburban Airport, property tax reform and gaming. We will work in unison with all local chambers, workforce development partners, villages, municipalities and legislative officials to support one voice to ensure the Southland is heard. All organizations working together for the betterment of the Chicago Southland makes us a stronger region.

Many of us live and work in the south suburbs and it is why we care. I look forward to a productive and exciting year as we work together to advocate and promote economic development for the Chicago Southland.

Sincerely,

*Craig Schmidt*

Craig Schmidt,  
Chairman  
Chicago Southland Chamber  
of Commerce



## 2020 Board of Directors

### Executive Board

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|-----------------|--|
| Craig Schmidt   | <i>Chairman</i>                                |
| Connie Simms    | <i>Vice Chair, Chair Elect, Bank Financial</i> |
| Ronald Gardiner | <i>Past Chair, GKWW Law</i>                    |
| Nancy Cooper    | <i>Advisory, Servio Consulting</i>             |
| Thomas Gardiner | <i>Legal Counsel, GKWW Law</i>                 |
| Ed Milkint      | <i>Treasurer, Wipfli LLP</i>                   |
| Tom Fagan       | <i>Secretary, Azavar Government Solutions</i>  |

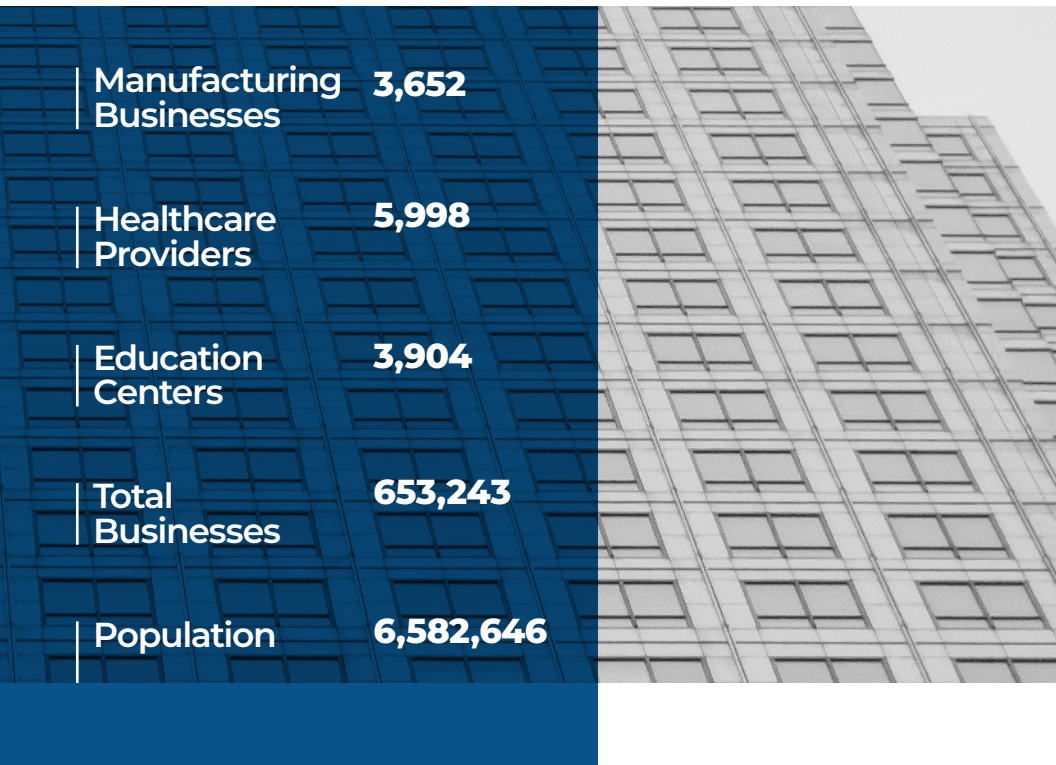
### Board of Directors

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| Bonita Parker      | <i>Com Ed</i>  |
| Charles Groebe     | <i>Coldwell Banker</i>                                   |
| Christine Clavenna | <i>Rieke Office Interiors</i>                            |
| Conrad Kiebles     | <i>Village of Orland Hills</i>                           |
| Edwin Ukpaby       | <i>Medix Systems Consultants</i>                         |
| Joe Esselman       | <i>Penn Real Estate</i>                                  |
| Kyle Wilkinson     | <i>AdvocateAurora Health</i>                             |
| Lauren Healy       | <i>Governors State University</i>                        |
| Mark Thompson      | <i>Hanson Professional Services, Inc.</i>                |
| Randy Simmons      | <i>Q's Cleaning Services</i>                             |
| Rick Bryant        | <i>Office of Congresswoman Kelly</i>                     |
| Rob McCaleb        | <i>Live Nation</i>                                       |
| Dr. Sheree Boyd    | <i>Specialty Physicians of Illinois, LLC</i>             |
| Steven Pappageorge | <i>Moraine Valley Community College</i>                  |
| Vicki Brown        | <i>Illinois Small Business Development Cntr at SSEGI</i> |
| Yohan Fernando     | <i>Comcast</i>   |

# Welcome to the CHICAGO SOUTHLAND CHAMBER

Since 1985, The Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce has been a strong voice for approximately 85 communities in the Chicago Southland. We strive to create an environment where businesses of all sizes and diversity will be attracted and thrive. We welcome your interest in our organization.

## Chicago Southland by the Numbers



**Manufacturing Shipped**  
**\$141,000,000**

**Retail Sales**  
**\$81,000,000**

\*\*Information obtained from the U.S. Fact Finder and U.S. Census Bureau

**The Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce provides a support structure for Chicago Southland businesses. The results of this partnership are made visible in our community through the volunteer efforts of businesspersons who serve on various committees within the Chamber.**

All Members are encouraged to participate in our Chamber's many programs and activities.



## **CHAMBER CONNECTORS**

Chairperson | **Rodney Trotman, AFLAC**

- Strengthen and increase membership through networking, educational seminars and personal connections with current and future members for the mutual benefit of everyone.
- Host a monthly "Meet and Greet" along with other events throughout the region.
- Partnering with local Chambers to host events, providing our membership with a variety of opportunities for business exposure, developing partnerships and community involvement.
- Provide educational seminars on a variety of topics affecting business owners and their employees.



## **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

Chairperson | **Rick Bryant, Office of Congresswoman Robin Kelly**

- Provide avenues for members to stay abreast of key legislation and provide advocacy efforts at the local, state and federal government levels that benefit business growth.
- Establish and maintain access to local Legislators, government and business leaders who can help your business grow and profit.
- Focus on educating members while fostering economic opportunities



## **HEALTHCARE**

Chairperson | **Kyle Wilkinson, Advocate Aurora Health**

- Increase awareness and promote healthier living through educational workshops.
- Workshops consist of healthcare related issues relevant to business owners and the effect those issues have on a company's bottom line.



## **MARKETING & SOCIAL MEDIA**

Chairperson | **Christine Clavenna, Rieke Office Interiors**

- Define and execute the strategy necessary to effectively brand, promote and advance chamber identity, reputation and events.
- Approach allows businesses access to a larger population and provides you credibility in association with larger groups.



## **STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Chairperson | **Joe Esselman, Penn Real Estate**

- Set the long-term vision and strategies for the chamber. This includes membership levels, leadership structure, organizational structure and direction for the Chamber.

# CHICAGO SOUTHLAND

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BENEFITS	\$350 1 Employee	\$700 25+ Employees	\$1500 51+ Employees	\$3500 100+ Employees	\$7500 100+ Employees
Chamber Sticker	■	■	■	■	■
Membership in US Chamber	■	■	■	■	■
Attend chamber events/member pricing	■	■	■	■	■
Committee membership	■	■	■	■	■
Company name in chamber member directory	■	■	■	■	■
Access to members only section of website	■	■	■	■	■
Chamber newsletter	■	■	■	■	■
Event sponsorship opportunities	■	■	■	■	■
Host meet and greets	Opt.	■	■	■	■
Display company literature at meet and greets		■	■	■	■
Email blasts		1	2	4	6
Electronic member list		■	■	■	■
Chamber newsletter advertisements			■	■	■
Hole sponsorship at annual golf outing • \$250			■	■	■
2 Complimentary tickets to HSL • \$120			■		
Complimentary foursome at annual golf outing • \$460				1	2
Recognition, banner and table of 8 at HSL \$650				1	2
Include company information in new member packets				■	■
1 seat at speaker table for HSL and legislative signature events (as applicable) (varies)					■

## The Value of Chamber Membership

Membership in the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce puts your company on a different level. As the Regional Chamber of Commerce, we extend your local reach to the entire region, state and global markets. We offer a variety of membership levels so you can access resources and solutions to help your business grow.

**For 35 years, the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce has been the voice of over 85 communities in the Chicago Southland area.**



**The Chamber provides regional leadership, advocacy, strategic alliances and programs that unite and grow its members and the business community.**



**Our mission as a regional Chamber is to be the primary regional organization that unites businesses and communities to create an environment where:**

**Business of all sizes & diversity will be attracted and thrive.**



**Partnerships and alliances are created with local organizations to work together for regional development and community improvement.**



**Public policy promotes strong and healthy businesses.**



# CSCC EVENTS

## GOVERNOR PRITZKER EVENT



## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER



## HOLIDAY SPORTS LUNCHEON





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*Celebrating 35 Years*